Ministry of Power for the Tenth Plan. This includes a budgetary support of Rs. 25,000 crore. The corresponding figures for the Ninth Plan were Rs. 45591 crore and Rs. 14943 crore respectively.

* Advance action on identification of the Eleventh Plan projects has been taken.

* As per Electricity Act, 2003 the requirement of according Techno-Economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority has been dispensed with for thermal generation.

* Planning Commission has delegated full powers to State Governments for approval of Power Projects without any ceiling. Clearance from Planning Commission is to be restricted only to those Hydro Electric Projects where inter-State issues are involved.

* To facilitate Private Sector Participation in power generation, Inter Institutional Group (IIG) has been formed.

Setting up Hydroelectric Power Project by NHPC with foreign companies

2314. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) are negotiating with top foreign companies for setting up of Hydroelectric Power Projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of companies associated with the project; and

(c) what will be installed capacity of each power project with locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

National Electricity Policy

2315. SHRIMATl VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Electricity Policy has been revamped;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and